# Language Access Leadership Conference December 3, 2012

Fairfax County Government Center 12000 Government Center Parkway Fairfax, VA 22035

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Join us for a one of a kind discussion about the implementation, funding, sustaining, and evaluation of language services in government services. This is a FREE event.

# **Conference Objectives**

- To understand federal requirements related to the provision of language services
- To explore how organizations can strengthen their services for limited English proficient (LEP) services seekers
  - To learn ways to increase the quality of language services in our organizations

# **Agenda**

8:30am Registration 9:00am Welcome 9:30am Workshop one

10:45am Break

11:00am Workshop two

12:15pm Lunch (on your own)

1:00pm Plenary 3:00pm Adjourn

# **Workshop Topics**

- Language Service Considerations in Health Reform
- Working Effectively with Interpreters
- Auditing to Measure Effectiveness of Language Access Services
- Interpreting Trauma (Invited)
- Funding Strategies for Language Access Services

## **Plenary Speaker**

Marlene Rey - Ms. Rey is the Deputy Regional Manager for the Office for Civil Rights in Region III of the US Department of Health and Human Services. She came to the Office of Civil Rights in 1994 and spearheaded Region III outreach efforts to the Latino and other language minority communities. She planned and carried out a series of conferences entitled "Opening Doors to Health Care for Latinos" bringing in speakers from the Department, the Robert Woods Johnson Foundation and community organizations to discuss ways to improve access to health care. She worked with the Pennsylvania Medicaid Managed Care Program ensuring meaningful access for limited English proficient (LEP) patients throughout the state. Marlene's efforts in these areas were nationally recognized when she received the 2003 Director's Investigator/Analyst Honor Award. Subsequently she worked with state officials in the Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare to create a program of language assistance services for over 103 county assistance offices. For the last five years she has served as the Deputy Regional Manager and Civil Rights Team Supervisor in the regional office. Prior to beginning her federal career in the Department of Labor in 1990, Marlene spent 15 years working for nonprofit organizations in the Greater Philadelphia Latino Community. She is a graduate of LaSalle University with a degree in Social Work and studied law at Temple University's School of Law. Marlene was born in Oriente, Cuba. She immigrated to the United States at the age of thirteen.

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